under the above special scheme to promote tribal female literacy?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) As per 1991 Census, the districts of Raichur and Gulburga have less than 10% literacy among ST women.

(b) Yes Sir. The scheme of educational complex in low literacy pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas provides for 100% grant-in-aid.

(c) No amount during 2001-2002 has been released so far for want of any proposal from the State Government.

Sale of minor girls belonging to Lambada Tanda and other Tribes

129. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dust of the recently reported sale of infants by orphanages in Andhra Pradesh had not yet settled, rackets involving sale of minor girls belonging to Lambada Tanda and other tribes came to the fore in May this year;

(b) if so, the number of details of sale of girls that came to light since March this year in Andhra Pradesh and elsewhere in the country, indicating their *modus-operandi;* and

(c) what effective steps have been taken by Central Government to prevent such practices?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) There have been some reports of irregular activities of orphanages in Andhra Pradesh and the State Government is conducting a detailed investigation into the matter.

(c) The Government has written to all State Governments from time to time regarding streamlining of adoption procedures, action against illegal adoption homes, licensing of all orphanages and adoption homes, setting up of State Advisory Boards and State Adoption Cells, action for curbing illegal activities in the field of adoption and conduction of joint inspections of Adoption Homes.